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For : A METHOD TO PREVENT ACCELERATED
ATHEROSCLEROSIS USING (SRAGE) SOLUBLE
RECEPTOR FOR ADVANCED GLYCATION ENDPRODUCTS

1185 Avenue of the Americas
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December 15, 2000

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**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO THE BOARD OF
PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Final Office Action dated June 15, 2000 finally rejecting claims 1-10, 12-27 and 29-35 in connection with the above-identified application.

Applicant is concurrently filing an Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 in Response to June 15, 2000 Final Office Action and Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time together with the required fee with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office today, December 15, 2000. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today and this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

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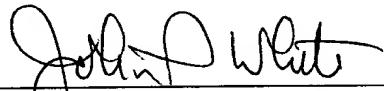
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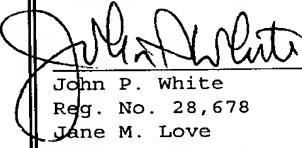
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